

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 16 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 8-18 are pending and under consideration.

Objection to Claims 3, 7-14, 16 and 18

The Office Action objects to claims 3, 7-14, 16 and 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent claim 6 is amended to include features of cancelled claim 7, claims 8, 9, and 11 are amended to depend from claim 6, and claim 16 is rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 17 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,266,627 issued to Lauber. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Lauber does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "wherein the wheel guide unit further comprises a sub-guide unit coupled to the wheel so as to rotate around a shaft of the drive motor," as recited in claim 1. These features are similar to the features of cancelled claim 3. In item 4, the Office Action indicated that claim 3 included allowable features. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 2 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Lauber does not disclose, teach or suggest at least, "wherein the body includes a support bracket having a first locking hole, an arc-shaped guide slot and an annular boss," as recited in claim 6. These features are similar to the features of cancelled claim 7. In item 4, the Office Action indicated that claim 7 included allowable features. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 6 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Claim 17 depends from claim 6 and includes all of the features of claim 6. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 17 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 15 and 17 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-6, 15 and 17 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,515,934 issued to Davis. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Davis does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "wherein the wheel guide unit further comprises a sub-guide unit coupled to the wheel so as to rotate around a shaft of the drive motor," as recited in claims 1 and 5. These features are similar to the features of cancelled claim 3. In item 4, the Office Action indicated that claim 3 included allowable features. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 1 and 5 are patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Claims 2 and 4 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 2 and 4 are patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Davis does not disclose, teach or suggest at least, "wherein the body includes a support bracket having a first locking hole, an arc-shaped guide slot and an annular boss," as recited in claim 6. These features are similar to the features of cancelled claim 7. In item 4, the Office Action indicated that claim 7 included allowable features. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 6 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Claims 15 and 17 depend from claim 6 and include all of the features of claim 6. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 15 and 17 are patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Summary

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 8-18 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references taken alone or in combination disclose the present claimed invention.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

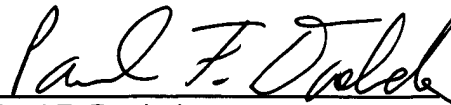
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Respectfully submitted,

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